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1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER THE
TEXT OF A PUBLIC APPEAL ON RWANDA ISSUED LAST THURSDAY BY
UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO DURING
HIS RECENT VISIT THERE. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACTS AT THE
CENTER, THE APPEAL REPRESENTS THE MOST DEFINITIVE
EXPRESSION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VIEWS ON THE
SITUATION THERE AND THE PRIORITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY ON RWANDA. THESE PRIORITIES MAY BE REFLECTED IN
HIS REPORT TO THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION.

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2. FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE FRENCH
TEXT.

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BEGIN TEXT:

THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA ARE FACING A TRAGEDY WHICH OVERWHELMS
THE WORLD. THE DEATH OF NEARLY 200,000 INNOCENT MEN,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROVOKES PROFOUND INDIGNATION AND CALLS
FOR UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION.

THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD SHARE THIS SUFFERING. IN RESPONSE
TO THIS INDIGNATION -- AND IN MY CAPACITY AS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS -- I CAME TO RWANDA IN AN
IMPARTIAL AND OBJECTIVE SPIRIT TO ASK ALL ACTORS IN THIS
TRAGEDY TO BRING ABOUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THESE GRAVE
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO RESPECT INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS WHICH PROTECT THEM, INCLUDING CONVENTIONS ON
HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE CONVENTION AGAINST GENOCIDE, TO
WHICH RWANDA IS A PARTY.

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I HAVE COME TO LAUNCH AN APPEAL FOR A CEASEFIRE WITHOUT
DELAY, IN ORDER TO CREATE A PROPITIOUS CLIMATE FOR THE
SECRETARY GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY
NEGOTIATIONS CAN LEAD TO A GLOBAL POLITICAL SOLUTION
THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGHTS OF ALL AND PERMITS
THE RWANDAN PEOPLE TO LIVE IN PEACE, SOLIDARITY AND
DEMOCRACY.

I CAME TO ASK THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO AUTHORIZE
AND TO GUARANTEE THE DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO
ALL IN NEED, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF ANY KIND. I CAME TO
ASK THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO INSURE THAT
ALL THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES HOSTAGES TO VIOLENCE,
NOTABLY IN THE STATE OF AMAHORO, THE HOTEL MILLES
COLINES AND THE KING FAISAL HOSPITAL, ARE IMMEDIATELY
TRANSFERRED TO AREAS WHERE THEY CAN, IN SECURITY,
RECEIVE THE TREATMENT THEY NEED.

THOSE WHO HAVE PERPETRATED OR ORDERED ATROCITIES MUST
KNOW THAT THEY CANNOT ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT
THEY WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTS.

YOU CANNOT FIGHT FOR THE UNITY OF A PEOPLE BY STOKING
THE FLAMES OF HATRED. YOU CANNOT FIGHT FOR THE GOOD OF

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A PEOPLE BY EXTERMINATING THEM.

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ONLY HOURS AGO WE WITNESSED A NEW ERA OPENING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN PALESTINE, WHERE PEACE AND PROSPERITY ARE BEING USHERED IN THROUGH DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION, THROUGH TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FOR ALL. RWANDA MUST ALSO TURN TO DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION.

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FINALLY, I SOLEMNLY ASK THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO BRING DECISIVE SUPPORT TO THE RWANDAN PEOPLE:

-- ON THE ONE HAND, TO PUT IN PLACE MEASURES TO END THE VIOLENCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS, TO GUARANTEE SUFFICIENT HUMANITARIAN AID FOR ALL IN NEED, AND TO CONCLUDE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS;

-- AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, TO PROVIDE FOR AID TO AN EFFECTIVE PROCESS OF RECONSTRUCTION IN RWANDA.

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IN MY CAPACITY AS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, I
FEEL THE ANGUISH OF ALL, AND I APPEAL FOR ALL OF US TO
SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA. END TEXT.

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